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COCHABAMBA

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SUMMARY: THE 20 RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM COCHABAMBA
MEETING PRETTY WELL TELL STORY OF HOW IT WENT. THEY ARE
SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: END SUMMARY

1. STANDARDIZE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL
OF PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, TRAFFICKING AND CONSUMPTION
OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES.

2. PERMIT NARCOTICS OFFICIALS IN HOT PURSUIT OF A
TRAFFICKER TO NOTIFY THEIR COUNTERPARTS AT BORDERS OF
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SO THAT THEY MAY CONTINUE PURSUIT,
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AFFECT ARREST AND RETURN FUGITIVE TO AUTHORITIES OF

COUNTRY ENGAGED IN ORIGINAL PURSUIT.

3. STUDY VIABILITY OF DRAWING UP A TREATY THAT WOULD SIMPLIFY TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE EXTRADITION PROCEDURES FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES.

4. SOLICIT FINANCIAL HELP FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS TO CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS TO GRADUALLY SUBSTITUTE FOR COCA AND OTHER TOXIC PLANT PRODUCTION UNTIL THESE ARE ERADICATED.

5. FACILITATE THE INTERCHANGE OF POLICE OFFICIALS THROUGH VISITS AND GRANTS.

6. PROMOTE THE INTERCHANGE OF JUDGES, DOCTORS AND PSYCHIATRISTS.

7. STANDARDIZE PUNITIVE LEGISLATION ON NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS KEEPING IN MIND ARTICLES 33 AND 36 OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION OF 1961. ADAPT LOCAL LEGISLATION TO PERMIT COGNIZANCE OF SENTENCES FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES PASSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES COURTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING CRIMINAL RECORD, HABIT, ETC.

8. ADOPT LEGAL NORMS THAT WILL ALLOW THE CONFISCATION OF GOODS PURCHASED WITH PROFITS DERIVED FROM ILLEGAL DEALINGS IN NARCOTICS.

9. PROMOTE THE STUDY OF DRUG ADDICTION IN THE SCIENTIFIC OR UNIVERSITY CENTERS OF EACH COUNTRY AND EXCHANGE THE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES OBTAINED WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES. ASK EACH OF THE GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL FUNDS TO PROMOTE THESE STUDIES.

10. ADOPT EDUCATION-PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

11. A. DEVELOP NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEAL WITH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT OF ILLEGAL DRUG USERS.

B. PROMOTE THE RATIFICATION OF ALL EXISTING AND FUTURE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS THAT HELP TO COMBAT INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL TRAFFICKING.

C. ALLOW THE PRODUCT OF FINES AND CONFISCATIONS TO BE APPLIED TO REHABILITATION, TREATMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

12. INCLUDE IN RESPECTIVE NARCOTICS LEGISLATION ALL PSYCHOTROPIC AND OTHER SUBSTANCES CAPABLE OF PRODUCING PHYSICAL OR PSYCHIC DEPENDENCE.

13. INTEREST THE GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS REGIONAL MEETING IN COOPERATING IN THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL CENTER IN BOLIVIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND POLICY STUDIES. THE COOPERATION SHOULD BE BOTH FINANCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC. OBTAIN FOR THE CENTER THE RECOGNITION THAT THE UN CHARTER ADVISES AND RECOMMENDS.

14. ASK THE WHO, PUBLIC ORGANISMS IN COUNTRIES WHERE PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES WITH INTERNATIONAL MARKETS EXIST, AND RECOMMEND TO OUR OWN PERTINENT STATE ORGANIZATIONS, TO TAKE ACTION TO ADJUST PRODUCTION OF AMPHETAMINES, BARBITURATES, ETC. TO MEET MEDICINAL NEEDS.

15. BE ALERT TO THE THREATS TO THE WAY OF LIFE OUR COUNTRIES HAVE CHOSEN FOR THEMSELVES EMANATING FROM THOSE USING ILLEGAL PROFITS FROM DRUG TRAFFICKING.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS REFERENCE TO LEFT WING TERRORIST GROUPS WHO USE MONEY FROM TRAFFICKING TO FINANCE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS).

16. INFORM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OF THE LUSO-HISPANIC AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE PHILIPPINES OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE.

17. SUGGEST TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED THAT THEY STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCREDITING POLICE ATTACHES IN THEIR EMBASSIES TO FIGHT INTERNATIONAL CRIME AND ESPECIALLY NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

18. STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMMUNICATIONS
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NETWORK AMONG THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO COMBAT ILLICIT NARCOTICS.

19. PLAN PERIODIC MEETINGS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO EVALUATE ACTIONS TAKEN AND PLAN FUTURE OPERATIONS.

20. ADVOCATE THE FORMULATION AND COORDINATION OF JOINT OPERATIONS.

ARGENTINE DELEGATION ARRIVED MID-WAY THROUGH CONFERENCE, BUT PLUNGED RIGHT IN AND MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, PARTICULARLY ON PREVENTION AND LEGAL SIDE. THIS CONFERENCE GAVE GOB GOOD IMAGE BOOST AND IF EVEN PART OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING COOPERATION IN REPRESSIVE ACTION ARE IMPLEMENTED, THE COST TO THE

USG WILL HAVE BEEN WELL WORTH WHILE.
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